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FOR THE COORDINATOR OF MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS

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SUBJECT: MAPPING OF TUNIS REGION

1. THE DISTRICT OF TUNIS (A GOT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTING A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR URBAN"IMPROVE-MENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF TUNIS AND ENVIRONS) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST TO EMBASSY IN UPDATING AND ENLARGING SCOPE OF THE 1962 DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY MAP OF TUNIS. THE DISTRICT OF TUNIS WOULD LIKE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, IS PREPARED TO ASSUME SOME OF THE COSTS, AND NEEDS TO KNOW SOONEST IF DMA IS PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD NOW.

2. DISTRICT OF TUNIS HAS NEW AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN 1/25,000 SCALE OF TUNIS REGION TAKEN IN LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975 WHICH IT IS WILLING TO SUPPLY TO DMA. IT IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING UPDATING OF STREET NAMES AND IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.THIS WILL BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AND CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DMA.

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NEW MAP MORE USEFUL FOR ITS PLANNING NEEDS, DISTRICT OF TUNIS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE AREA COVERED ENLARGED TO APPROXIMATGLY 840 SQUARE KILOMETERS. THE 1974-75 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY COVERS THIS ENTIRE AREA.
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ENLARGEMENT OF MAP WOULD PERMIT INCLUSION OF SUBURBAN AREAS AND NEW INDUSTRIAL ZONES. ALSO, THE DISTRICT OF

TUNIS WOULD PREFER THE SCALE OF THE NEW MAP TO 1/10,000
INSTEAD OF 1/12,500 AND WANTS TO STANDARDIZE ALL PLACE
NAMES IN FRENCH.

4. THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL NEED 1000 COPIES
OF THE NEW MAP AND, AS NOTED, IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE COST OF PRINTING.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF DMA IS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE
DISTRICT OF TUNIS ON PREPARATION OF A NEW MAP AND HOW LONG
IT WILL TAKE TO FINISH WORK.
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